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SUBJ: W/W: DR. WILMA RULE

REF: CAIRO 4983 AND PREVIOUS

- 1. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH ALEXANDRIA CONS OFF STAN VALERGA WHO WAS IN ATHENS LAST WEEK, POST WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY SITUATION VIS-A-VIS ASSISTANCE OFFERED DR. RULE.
- 2. ON MONDAY MARCH 14, EMBASSY LEARNED OF DR. RULE' ARREST. CONS OFF SPOKE PERSONALLY WITH DR. RULE DIRECTLY AFTER ARREST AND OFFERED ASSISTANCE. DR. RULE SAID NO EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WAS REQUIRED AND HUNG UP ON CONS OFF. LOCAL STAFF CONS ASST THEN CALLED AT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WITH OFFER OF ASSISTANCE AND WAS ALSO REFUSED. CONSULATE CONTINUED OFFER ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNICATED THROUGH ESTABLISHED MINISTRY-CONSULATE CHANNELS.
- 3. ON THURSDAY MARCH 17 GOE STATE SECURITY OFFICIALLY INFORMED EMBASSY DR. RULE WAS IN CUSTODY AND WOULD BE DEPORTED FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY. CONS OFF SAW DR. RULE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSON THAT DAY AND SHE REITERATED EARLIER STATEMENTS
THAT SHE HAD NO WISH EMBASSY BECOME INVOLVED. POST
REPORTED ABOVE AND DR. RULE'S REFUSALS OF ASSISTANCE REFTEL.

4. SECOND CONS OFF VISITED DR. RULE MONDAY AFTER DETENTION WITH MESSAGE FROM SUBJECT'S HUSBAND.

5. DR. RULE FIRST REQUESTED EMBASSY HELP ON MARCH 21. AS INDICATED LATER REFS EMBASSY ASSISTED GOE STATE SECURITY WITH ONWARD ARRANGEMENTS AND DR. RULE DEPARTED MARCH 22. IT WAS NOT UNTIL MARCH 21 THAT DR. RULE RAISED BAGGAGE QUESTION WITH CONS OFF. THAT SAME DAY CONS OFF MADE TWO SEPARTATE TRIPS CLEOPATRA HOTEL TO LOCATE BAGGAGE. SINCE DR. RULE ARRIVED ATHENS WE HAVE MADE THREE SUCCESSIVE ATTEMPTS LOCATE LUGGAGE WITHOUT RESULTS. GIVEN NUMEROUS INCONSISTENCIES DR. RULE'S STATEMENTS AND BEHAVIOR HERE, FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT HER STATEMENT THAT SHE ARRIVED WITH LUGGAGE, HOWEVER, WE HAVE TREATED LOSS REPORT AS VALID AND LAUNCHED FULL INVESTIGATION INTO MATTER. GIVEN EARLIER STATEMENTS OF POLICE, SECURITY AND TAXI DRIVER DOUBTFUL WE WILL GET ANYONE TO ADMIT DR. RULE ARRIVED WITH ANY LUGGAGE.

6. WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE FOR DEPT'S INFO THAT DR. RULE OFFERED ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. DR. RULE INFORMED CONS OFF ATHENS THAT SHE INTENDS TO RAISE CASE AT CONGRESSIONAL LEVELS. EILTS

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